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SUBJ: KAUNDA STATE VISIT FILM

IN A STATE HOUSE CEREMONY ATTENDED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE
MINISTER OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING AND TOURISM AND THE DIRECTOR
OF ZAMBIA BROADCASTING SERVICES, THE CHARGE AND PAO OFFICILLY
PRESENTED THE "AMERICA WELCOMES PRESIDENT KAUNDA" DOCUMENTARY FILM
AND THE PGM/P PAMPHLET TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA. THE CEREMONY WAS
COVERED BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION.

IN HIS PRESENTATION THE CHARGE NOTED THAT THE FILM "SHOWS IN
DRAMATIC TERMS THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
ZAMBIA AND ALSO VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATES THE VERY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN
YOURSELF AND PRESIDENT CARTER." THE FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S
REMARKS FOLLOWS:

"MR. ACTING AMBASSADOR, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU
MOST SINCERELY FOR THESE PRESENTATIONS. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
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YOUR GREAT COUNTRY AND OURS EVER SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OVER
HAVE GROWN FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. THE MAN WHO OCCUPIES THE
WHITE HOUSE TODAY IS BRINGING A NEW TYPE OF WHAT I CAN ONLY CALL
INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRACY. HIS SPIRIT, WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT HIS
FELLOW LEADERS ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE WORLD IS A
COMPLETE NEW PHASE IN HUMAN ACTIVITIES. TO ME AS A BELIEVER IN
WORLD GOVERNMENT, I FIND THIS A MOST REFRESHING DEVELOPMENT IN

THE AFFAIRS OF MAN. AND INDEED AS YOU WELL KNOW WE ARE PRAYING FOR HIS SUCCESS, NOT AS PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT AS A SERVANT OF MANKIND WHEN AT CAMP DAVID HE IS TRYING TO RECONCILE TWO OPPOSING FACTIONS, IF I CAN CALL THEM THAT, COMING FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. ANY PEACE, ANYWHERE ON EARTH IS A MOST WELCOME THING. ANY TROUBLE, ANY WAR-TORN SITUATION ANYWHERE IN ANY PART OF THE EARTH IS A TROUBLE TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS. SO WE REALLY WELCOME HIS APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS. I EVER WELCOME THE SILENCE, THE BLANKET HE HAS CAST OVER CAMP DAVID SO THAT THERE IS NO SCORING POINTS OVER AN ISSUE OF LIFE AND DEATH LIKE THAT. SO PLEASE CONVEY TO PRESIDENT CARTER OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION AND LET HIM KNOW WE ARE PRAYING FOR HIM AND HIS TWO COLLEAGUES WHO ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT AN ANSWER TO THAT VERY IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST. I CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO VIEWING THIS FILM. SO ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU, MR. ACTING AMBASSADOR."

THE FILM WILL PREMIERE THIS WEEKEND BEFORE THE NEARLY 6000 DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY (UNIP) GENERAL CONFERENCE AT MULUNGUSHI ROCK NORTH OF KABWE. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS THE ZAMBIAN EQUIVALENT TO OUR NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY CONVENTIONS, IS HELD EVERY FIVE YEARS TO NOMINATE THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY ALL PARTY OFFICIALS AND 600 DELEGATES FROM EACH PROVINCE. IT IS THE LARGEST POLITICAL GATHERING HELD IN ZAMBIA. COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE. THE DECISION TO OFFICER THE PREMIERE AT THE CONFERENCE WAS MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE ZAMBIANS AFTER A PRIVATE SCREENING FOR GOVERNMENT MEDIA OFFICIALS TWO WEEKS AGO. THE DECISION IS A SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF THE QUALITY OF THE FILM AND THE STATE OF U.S. ZAMBIAN RELATIONS.
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